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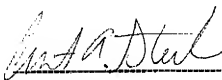
I hereby declare that I am a co-inventor of the subject matter described in the above-identified patent application.

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